

THE
HISTORIE
OF
HENRY THE
FOURTH

With the battell at Shrewsburie
betwene the King and Lord
Henry Percy, maintained
Henric the fourth of
the North.

With the humorous conceits of Sir
John Falstaffe.



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Enter the King, Lord Iohn of Lancaster, Earle of
Westmerland, with others.

King. O shaken as we are, to wan with care,
Find we a time for frighted peace to pant,
And breath short winded accents of new broiles
To be commended in stronds a far remote:
No more the thirstie entrance of this soile
Shal dawbe her lips with her own childrens blood,
No more shall trenching war channel her fields,
Nor bruise her flourets with the armed hooves
Of hostile paces: those opposed eies,
Which like the meteors of a troubled heauen,
Al of one nature, of one substance bred,
Did lately meete in the intestine shooke
And furious close of ciuill butcherie,
Shall now in mutuall welbeseeming ranks,
March all one way, and be no more oppos'd
Against acquaintance, kindred and allyes.
The edge of war, like an ill sheathed knife,
No more shall cut his maister: therefore friends,
As far as to the sepulcher of Christ,
Whose soldiour now, vnder whose blessed crosse
We are impressed and ingag'd to fight,
Forthwith a power of English shall we leauy,
Whose armes were moulded in their mothers wombe,
To chase these pagans in those holy fields,
Ouer whose acres walkt those blessed feet,

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